

THE FARMER'S TROUBLE

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson
Diagnoses the Case.Says They Do Not Raise the Things
the People Want—Recent Ob-
servations in the
South.

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"One trouble with the American farmer is that he will raise what he thinks people ought to want, and not what they do want."

That is the answer of Secretary James Wilson to the question: "What is the matter with agriculture?"

The secretary of agriculture ought to know what is the matter with it if any one does.

I found the secretary in his office when I called at the department a few days ago. His confidential clerk sat opposite him at his big, flat-topped desk, and two or three of his bureau chiefs came in and waited for a word with him while he was telling me what ailed the farmer.

"Take my own state, Iowa, for example," said the secretary. "We have been raising there a little, wiry horse of 1,200 pounds or thereabouts under the impression that it was wanted. Now we find that people want a draft horse of about 1,800 pounds, and they will pay a good price for it. They want a stylish carriage horse, or a good riding horse, or a horse for army use."

"It is true, also, in a great many cases, that the American farmer does not know the best use to make of his products. My state raises one-seventh of the total corn crop of this country. To-day the cribs are full, and the best price the farmer can get for his corn is 15 cents a bushel. Not long ago I tried an experiment. I got a flock of range lambs and fed them on corn. I did not carry the experiment far enough to get

this department are being distributed very widely."

"And are the people reading them?"
"They are. A farmer's meeting to-day is very different from what it was a few years ago. The farmer to-day would not listen to the talk he used to hear. The doctor and the preacher used to be asked to speak sometimes, and they would make humorous remarks. Nowadays the farmer would not stand that a minute. The talk you hear at his meetings now is all practical. Farming has become a science. Take dairying for example. It is as different from the old dairying as the transportation of to-day is from that of 100 years ago. The farmer's wife used to throw away one-third of the butter fat in her milk. To-day the separator saves every bit of it. We make in this country to-day the finest butter and cheese in the world. England makes nothing like it. Unfortunately we have been sending abroad oleomargarine—the stuff they rub into a sheep's wool to keep the rain out; and we have sent cheeses which were filled with cotton seed oil. The Englishman has got his idea of our dairy products from these, and he does not want them. I am trying to find a market abroad for our best cheeses and butter, and I am trying to have the restrictions removed from our meat products."

There have been so many gibes at the agricultural department that I asked the secretary if he believed it had really done any good in the few years of its existence.

"Did you ever eat a navel orange?" he said in reply. "The parent tree is here. It was brought from Brazil and cuttings from it were distributed over the country by the department. Sorghum was introduced into the United States by the department of agriculture. The department brought the first beet seed here for experimental culture; and it has pursued its experiments with beets, until now there is no doubt in the minds of the farmers of the

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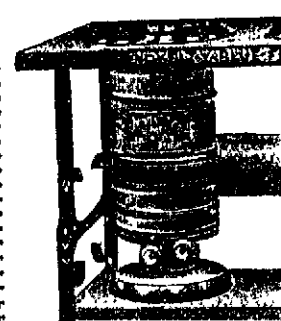
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SECRETARY WILSON.
(From His Latest and Best Photograph.)

exact results, but I proved that for the corn fed to those lambs I was getting 40 or 50 cents a bushel. The farmer who sells his corn at 15 cents a bushel can dress in rags, let his hair grow long, and yell over hard times; but the farmer who gets a return of 50 cents a bushel for his corn can slap his thigh and be merry over the return of prosperity."

And the secretary slapped his thigh vigorously to illustrate and emphasize his remark.

"An Iowa farmer," he continued, "fed corn to his cows. He found that they ate five cents worth a day and yielded 15 cents in milk. A farmer who gets that return can grow rich."

Mr. Wilson went south with the president in his recent trip; he found two things that interested him, he says. One was that the women of the south have accepted the result of the war; at least, those whom Mr. Wilson met had stopped fighting and laid down their arms.

"Another thing that interested me," he said, "was the condition of the soil. It is a very shallow soil, and they have been planting the same crop in it year after year until every bit of organic matter has gone out of it; the soil is all worn out. We went to Belle Mead farm, where Gen. Jackson is raising blooded stock. He has ten or 12 fine stallions and 100 brood mares; but he has found that the business is not profitable. People would not pay the prices he wanted; so he has put a herd of 50 cows on the farm and gone into dairy work. That interested me. I think the people of the south ought to plant grasses and take to grazing. They should put five-sixths of their land into grass, and the other sixth into something else. By changing around from year to year they could soon restore their soil to its own fertility. They have the finest grazing country in the United States except the northwest; and they have this advantage over the northwest—they can graze all the year round."

I asked Mr. Wilson if he thought the farmers were profiting by their lessons in scientific agriculture.

"They are learning all the time," he said. "The experiment stations are doing splendid work. The bulletins of

United States that we can grow our own supply. The \$100,000,000 our people pay for sugar every year is the purse hung up for them, for which they are striving. Some of the experiments with the beet have been discouraging because the conditions were not favorable. The sugar beet requires 10,000 units of heat for its successful cultivation. Climate and soil must be chosen with care.

"Another thing this department is doing is to investigate the experiments which have been going on in the south for the cultivation of tea. I have a letter here now from the man who has been conducting the tea farm about his work and how he has taught the little colored children to pick the leaves. He is getting better tea there than we can get from Ceylon or Formosa. I am having an investigation made to ascertain the isotherm on which he is working, so that we can calculate how much of the territory of the United States is adapted to the cultivation of tea.

"Another thing we have done is to undertake the investigation of the forestry question. Not long ago this department sent to the senate a report on coniferous trees, showing the destruction of our forests. Pine is growing scarcer every year, you know, so that it has become almost as costly as black walnut. The time will come when it will be too expensive for general use; indeed, they are talking already about building cars of steel. What interests us just now, though, more than the destruction of the pine, is the planting of trees in the more arid region. I have a man in Asia making investigations of the subject.

"These are only some of the things we have begun to do. This department has more than 30 divisions. Their work is all important. I have not had time yet to become well acquainted with more than three or four of the divisions.

"But as to the value of the agricultural department's work, it is spreading all the time. Example is more effective than precept. Most men are going to keep on in the way of their fathers and their grandfathers until they look over the fence and see their neighbors doing something different."

GEORGE GRANTHAM BAIN.

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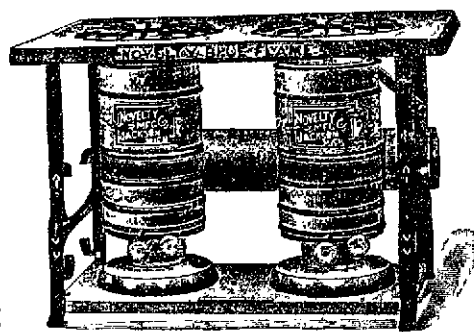
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LOCAL NEWS.

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The sparrows around the Millikin building are getting very tame. One flew into an office, there yesterday and peacefully alighted on the shoulder of a man, where it chirped for a few minutes and then wandered about the room.

The funeral of Mrs. Frank Tyler will be held at the Edward Street Christian church on Thursday at 3 p. m. The friends are requested to meet at the church at that hour. Rev. Stevenson will officiate.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, road wagons, and also the old reliable Peter Schuttler and Moline farm wagons.—July 19-d&w2mo

The young ladies F. M. society of Elwin will give an ice cream supper at the residence of Mr. C. R. Mallory, two miles south of Shady Grove church, Wednesday night next week, the 11th inst. They extend a cordial welcome to the public and especially desire the wheelmen and those who go on a hay ride to patronize them. They will try to please all their friends.

The Decatur boss barbers held another meeting last night, but there is nothing to give out for publication. The officers of the meeting have little to say. They say they are not yet ready to act, but that when they do there will be something of special interest to publish.

In Justice Hardy's court yesterday on Emanuel Lowe, arrested with Joe Buckner, charged with attempted chicken stealing at the Milton Clark place in Long Creek township a short time ago, waived examination and bail was fixed at \$400. He will endeavor to secure bail, and will appear at the October term of the circuit court in case he is indicted.

Wabash railroad cheap Sunday excursion to Champaign and Urbana Sunday, August 8, account Twin City Chautauqua. Special train leaves Decatur 7:10 a. m., arriving at Urbana at 9 a. m. and at Champaign 9:10 a. m., returning leaves Champaign 10 p. m. The Twin City Chautauqua is better than ever this year. Go and spend the day at Chrystal Lake park and you will be well repaid.

Rain Came at Last.
The welcome rain came this morning at 6 o'clock in a generous shower, and more fell during the forenoon. It blew up from the northwest and for a time there were big gusts of water to flood the streets. The gutters overflowed and the sides of the streets were small rivers. All public work had to stop today. The temperature has been below 80, a drop of about 20 degrees since yesterday afternoon.

Keeping Cool.
"I will tell you," said a man who was warm, "one way in which the effects of the awful heat can be mitigated while out walking on the business streets. Just walk along close to the business houses and take pains to walk over every grating which opens into a cellar. A flood of cool, delicious air is always rushing up from them through the hole and you will be cooled a very perceptibly. I quite frequently walk up to one and stand awhile to get cooled off somewhat."

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THE RACE MEETING.

Outlook Is Bright for a Fine String of Fast Horses.

THE DATES ARE AUG. 24TH TO 27TH

Harness and Bicycle Contests For Cash and Merchandise—Plenty of Sport for the People.

The annual race meeting to be held by the Decatur Trotting association at their track on August 24, 25, 26 and 27, promises to excel all previous meets that have ever been held in this city, in the speed of the horses to be entered and in the general arrangements and other attractions which will go with it. The idea of the promoters is to have fast horses and every other possible interest to add to the general excellence of the meet. Not only are there to be great horse races, but the bicyclists are coming in for their share of the glory and on the day of the wheel meet, in connection with the big races, fast men in the amateur ranks will fly around the track for some of the best prizes ever offered to the racers in that class.

George A. Kollar, one of the main promoters of the coming races, in speaking of the outlook for a big time, said that prospects were never so promising in the history of any meet as at this time. While the entries are not coming in now that is but the natural course, for they are not to be closed until August 16 and always come in at the last moment. But that there will be fast horses here to delight the spectators with some great racing he is certain and sure. Many things point to this. First and most important is the fact which all well informed horsemen thoroughly understand, that since there is a scarcity of race meets this year every horseman is out for the cash, and the races will be for blood. This means more than one would think, for when men are instructed to drive horses so as to win and not "flunk," then some real horse racing is seen. Jacksonville and Monticello are the only places of importance to have race meets the week previous to the home event and thus many horses being out that week will be brought here and all will have ample time for rest and recuperation for the races at this place.

Decatur can also be a sort of assembling point for all owners of racing strings, for the week following many other prominent towns in Central Illinois and elsewhere will hold meets, and all will be here, in the Central City, to make this place and then start from the hub to any other place they have in mind. Pana, Danville, Sullivan, Peoria, Terre Haute, Clinton and Champaign come soon after Decatur. The horses which have been going at different places about here are fast horses. They will be at Decatur.

Mr. Kollar has also received many letters from prominent horsemen all over the country saying that they would be present at the races in this city. Finally, it is assured that the list of entries will be larger than ever before. All things are combining to make the meet a great success to both managers and patrons, and it will no doubt be witnessed by great crowds as in previous years.

The Bicycle Races.
Not the least, but to many the first, of the attractions for race week will be the bicycle races. The "Class B" men of crack riders gave the track a national reputation with cyclists two years ago and racing men are always glad to find a good track with a long straight finish. Archie Wilson, who has charge of that feature of the races, says that he has already received inquiries from prominent riders over 100 miles from Decatur asking the date of the meet and expressing their intention of attending it. He further states they have the most enticing program ever issued while the prize list cannot be excelled anywhere. There will be no professional races; only amateur events, but the men in the latter class are this year equalling the swift men of the professional ranks and are doing as good racing. Some of the noted fast men are expected. The entries will be sent out today and returns are expected at once. The effects of the local racing will no doubt be seen when some Decatur riders enter the lists for the races on that day.

Great preparations are being made and fast men and horses are coming. This insures the success of the race meet in Decatur for 1897.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Martha Lister Passed Away Last Night—Burrell.

Last evening at 7:45 o'clock Mrs. Martha Lister died of Bright's disease at the home of her brother-in-law, Dr. W. J. Chenoweth. She had been sick for about a year, but her illness was not considered serious until three weeks ago. Martha Lister came to Decatur from Kentucky 12 years ago with her husband, who died eight years ago. She was a sister of Mrs. W. J. Chenoweth, Jesse Leforgee, Ayers Leforgee, Robert C. Leforgee, all of Decatur, and of Mary Leforgee, of Urbana. She was 77 years old and had been a member of the Christian church for 60 years. She left no children. Mrs. Lister was a woman whom everyone respected and she was held in highest esteem by those who knew her best.

Seen by a Large Crowd.
Last evening J. B. Dinges, John Allen, J. L. Drake, John Kaylor, M. Bell-brun and A. H. Beck, Decatur Knights of Pythias, were in St. Louis to witness the conferring of the second and third degrees upon Gus Weinburg, the popular young actor. Acme Lodge did the work in the presence of a very large number of visitors, the ceremonies closing at about 2 a. m. Owing to shortage in the team Mr. Dinges took part in the amplified work and acquitted himself with his customary grace and dignity. The temperature at St. Louis yesterday was 98 and it was excessively hot in the Masonic hall.

Marriage Licenses.

James F. Good, Coffeyville, Kan., 25.

Mertie A. Wells, Macon, 21.

Walter L. Dilman, Macon, 23.

Pearl E. Hedrick, Prairie Hall, 17.

David L. Parkhurst, Forsyth, 25.

Elizabeth A. Smallwood, Lane, 26.

CYCLERS ARE ACTIVE

Strong and Pointed Protests Against the Bicycle Ordinance.

MAYOR TAYLOR MAY VETO IT.

Copy of the Petition Now Being Numerously Signed by Wheelmen and Friends—Club Action.

The Decatur wheelmen do not mince words in pronouncing the bicycle ordinance passed Monday night by the city council as unjust and outrageous.

Petition for the Veto Power.
The friends of the wheelmen believe the best way to knock the ordinance out is to ask Mayor Taylor to exercise his veto power. A petition to that effect is now in circulation and it is being numerously signed. Below is a copy of the petition: "We, the undersigned, citizens of Decatur, respectfully petition you to invoke the power vested in you and veto the ordinance prohibiting bicycles from the use of all sidewalks in the city, and in support thereof present the following reasons:

"First—There is a large number of people who reside a long distance out from the business part of the city, where there are no paved streets, who ride back and forth between their homes and their work that would be very much hindered and who would find it a great hardship to observe this ordinance, because during many months of the year these unpaved streets cannot be used for bicycle riding on account of the mud and their rough, frozen condition.

"Second—The use of sidewalks for bicycle riding, early in the morning and late in the day in the outlying parts of the city, is no inconvenience or hindrance to pedestrians, because it is seldom that bicycle riders and pedestrians meet in such portions of the city and when they do meet one can accommodate the other as well as if each was on foot.

"Third—There is no cause for the existence of such an ordinance because there have not been any accidents or injury that demands this prohibitory ordinance.

"Fourth—There are about 2000 bicycle riders in the city whose rights ought not to be taken away to please a few people who would exclude the bicycle rider from the sidewalks, not because there is not room for both, but because of the selfish spirit which ought not to be expressed by an ordinance.

"Fifth—In the business parts of the city, where there are paved streets and crowded sidewalks, bicyclists willingly take the street; but where there is no necessity for so doing, and where bicycle riders cannot use the street the true American spirit of fair play ought to be accorded to us, and therefore we pray that you will veto this unreasonable ordinance."

Club Meeting.
At the called meeting of the Decatur Wheelmen's club held last night, a large section of indignation was on tap and it flowed freely. There was a general expression in reference to the obnoxious ordinance, and as a result, Marcolt and Latham were appointed to address a letter to Mayor Taylor, expressing the sentiments of the club, and asking him to veto the measure. The subject of clean streets and the written promises of the aldermen was also discussed.

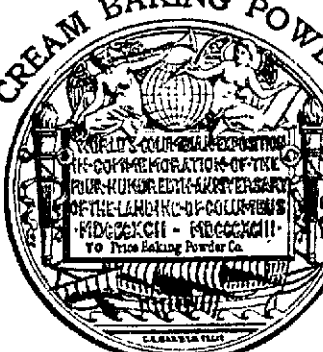
A report was made on the last meet and it was found that the club was ahead \$2 40 on that event. Bryant Vail and B. W. Drum of Cerro Gordo were voted into the club. Guy Conklin, Earl Walmesley and Arthur L. Fullmer were made a committee to manage the next meet, August 13. The committee was instructed by the club to select a committee of three from the club members, who will not ride in the races, to do the handclapping.

J. H. Latham, Archie Wilson and Henry Marcolt were made a committee to manage the Trotting association races, August 27.

Morton Elythe, Frank Deitz and Will Post were appointed as a committee on establishing a club camp for the rest of the summer at some convenient point.

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WILL VISIT THE CZAR.

Grand Ceremonial Trip of the French President.

How M. Faure Will Bench Russian Domains and How He Will Be Entertained—The Week's Festivities.

After much discussion and repeated denials the visit of President Faure to Russia has been finally decided upon by the governments of France and of the czar, and the newspapers at St. Petersburg, first and foremost the accredited organ of the St. Petersburg foreign office, publish the official programme of the festivities organized by the Muscovite court in honor of France's chief magistrate.

The visit is to last eight days, after which three are to be spent at Moscow. President Faure, having arrived in Russia by way of the Baltic, landing at Croustadt, will embark at Odessa, where France's Mediterranean squadron will await him in order to serve as escort.

Inasmuch as it would be discourteous in the extreme to pass through the straits of the Dardanelles, under the very windows of the Yildiz kiosk, without stopping to call upon the sultan, the Russian trip of the president will necessarily include a visit to the padishah, although this is especially inconvenient just at the present juncture, when Abdul Hamid is practically defying the concert of Europe in connection with the conclusion of the treaty of peace with Greece.

The visit will be a notable one, says the Chicago Record, inasmuch as it will be the first instance on record of the president of a great republic being welcomed at a monarchical court. Sovereigns have been welcomed by presidents of republics, but the latter have never yet been welcomed by sovereigns, and accordingly there are innumerable questions of etiquette to be discussed, weighed and determined, which are all the more important in view of the fact that they will constitute a precedent for analogous visits in the future.

It is on this account that at the request of the grand master of the cere-

M. FELIX FAURE.
(President of the French Republic.)

monies of the Russian court, M. Moland, deputy chief of the bureau of ceremonies of the French government, has proceeded to St. Petersburg, accompanied by several secretaries, in order to make all the necessary arrangements, as well as to settle all the issues that may arise. The French government is very sensitive about the matter, being resolved that the president of a sovereign people, and of a great power such as France, shall receive precisely the same honors abroad as if he were the monarch of some great nation, and Russia, on political grounds, as well as on the financial ground above mentioned, has determined to fulfill these wishes to the very utmost.

The president will be received on landing at Croustadt by the czar, and will be escorted to his quarters in the winter palace, dining in the evening with the emperor and empress at Peterhof. On the following morning he will proceed to the gloomy Peter-Paul fortress and deposit in the name of the French nation a superb gold wreath upon the tomb of the late Emperor Alexander, subsequently paying return visits to the various members of the

imperial family. In the evening he will be entertained at a grand banquet by the Muscovite nobility. The third day will be spent by the president with the czar and zarina at Peterhof, a grand state banquet and gala performance of the opera following in the evening.

The fourth day the president receives the diplomatic corps and the leading dignitaries of the Russian empire. The fifth day is spent at Zarskoe Selo, followed in the evening by a banquet given by the French colony. On the following day there is a grand review of the troops on the Champs le Mars. The seventh day is spent again with the czar and zarina at Peterhof, while the eighth is signalized by a sham battle at Krasnoe Selo, concluding with a general torchlight tattoo by the massed bands of all the regiments of the St. Petersburg garrison, at the close of which the president will take his departure by rail for Moscow, where he will be entertained in the name of the emperor by the latter's uncle, brother-in-law and intimate friend, Grand Duke Sergius, who is governor general of Russia's ancient capital.

President Faure will be accompanied throughout his visit by the French minister of foreign affairs, the academician Hanotaux, who 12 years ago was a poor usher eking out a scanty subsistence by means of coaching pupils distinguished for their stupidity. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man, and thoroughly deserves all the good things of life that have recently come in his direction.

Destroys the Burnt Taste.
An odd but effective remedy for food scorched in the pan is to lift the receptacle at once from the stove and set it in cold water. In nearly every instance the burnt taste will be entirely removed.

MOST INTERESTING 'BURYIN'.

Incident Was Told in a South Carolina Churchyard.

"Been through the buryin' ground? I know about most all the fine monuments," volunteers the boss after the church has been inspected. He is dressed in a full suit of blue jeans. He is healthy looking, long-legged and gaunt and a broad-brimmed felt hat and drooping black mustache seem in keeping with his swinging gait and odd, drawling accents. He fairly beams upon finding that his services as guide are acceptable.

"This is a mighty tasty stone," he comments, laying his brown hand on a marble shaft. "They give out that it cost \$90. It's tolerable plain for that, but then the Griggses mostly has things plain. They say Miss Griggs wanted a harp on it, and it wouldn't have cost no more either, but old man Griggs he jist shut up like a steel trap at the notion of a harp. He 'lowed they could git this monument (with a stress on the 'ment') or none at all. 'Twas Miss Griggs' sister what died. She took a heavy cold 'long about March.

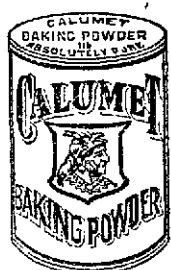
"I take it that that there grave is the most interestin' buryin' 'mongst the whole lot," he goes on, leading the way to a spot between two tall pines, where the ground is thickly covered with brown pine needles. "That was a duck. The fight come off toward sundown, up in the mountains, and this fellow was hauled here in a wagon and buried quick, after 12 o'clock at night. You see, it was against the law then, in them way-back days, to fight, and the one what did the killin', he and the seconds was anxious to git across into Georgia before the business leaked out. I disremember the names now, but they were big people; one was a governor from up here by Greenville somewheres. The dead man was brought along on a common wagon, and there wasn't time for no funeral nor nothin'. Some pine tops, green, fresh-broke pine tops, was throwed on top of the wagon body, to make things look better. After the grave was filled up, in their hurry like, but not likin' to leave it with no mark to know it by, they took two of the pine tops and stuck 'em up, one to the head and one to the foot. These two trees is them same pine tops. Seems like the Lord Almighty let 'em grow purpose to keep that sin cen'wed."

"What was the cause of the quarrel?" he is asked.
"It ain't exactly knowed for sure. Some holds out it was about a boundary line twixt two plantations, and I've heard it said it was a old election squabble. Anyway, the dead man was likin' to marry soon, and his sweetheart never did git over it to enjoy herself no more."—N. Y. Post.

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ABSENT-MINDED.

The Professor Thought Her Face Was Familiar.

Prof. Charles Falmestock is a near-sighted, absent-minded, but genial young man, with all the qualities that lead to success except that he has a very poor memory. This leads him into trouble, especially when he meets ladies to whom he has paid marked attention. Recuperating for the past few weeks at the winter city by the sea where so many Philadelphians and Chicagoans go to recover from the effects of arduous social seasons of ante-nuptial dinners, he became smitten with the charms of a young lady. They became inseparable and friends of each were hourly expecting to hear of an engagement. At last one evening they were sitting in a dark corner of the glass-covered veranda, and this bit of conversation was vatted from behind the palms:

"I swear," declared Charlie, passionately, "that I love you!"
"But, Mr. Falmestock," came the young lady's voice, coldly and distinctly, "you have so poor a memory. You might forget me."

"Never!" he protested. "I could forget that I was living sooner than I could forget you! Would years of deathless devotion—"

"Do you remember ever having met me before?" interrupted the lady, more coldly still.
"Never, never! because I never did! If you think so you are mistaken. At least—at least," he stammered, as a memory of his failing came over him. "I never knew you. Where did we meet?"

"We met in the west two years ago. We were married, and, a year later, divorced. Good night!" and she swept from the piazza.

"Well, I'll swear!" said the professor looking after her dubiously. "I tho—ought her face looked familiar! That night he paid his bill and departed, and now the affairs of the college are receiving his undivided attention."—N. Y. Post.

There Are Many Flags.
Many people have an idea that a country has only one national flag. This is wrong. For example, Great Britain and her colonies and dependencies own 118—an easy first, Russia coming next with 32 and the German empire third with 25. The German emperor, who is so fond of trappings, should see to this. The United States is content with 17, Spain with 3, Turkey with 3 and Uruguay with 2.—Chicago Chronicle.

Paper Manufacture.
A material used in the paper manufacture of the world, including rags, pulp, waste, etc., represents an annual investment of \$100,000,000 and the chemicals used \$50,000,000.—Chicago Ocean.

Dr. Craig, of Kenney, has an arrangement whereby he can tubitch his horses while sitting in his buggy, simply by pulling a strap.

THE INDIAN AS A HUMORIST.

According to the Army Officer He Is a Real Funny Fellow.

"Most everybody imagines that the North American Indian is a solemn and dignified individual," said the ex-army officer, as he leaned gracefully back in his chair and lazily puffed away at his after-dinner cigar. "Before I met a red-skin I don't know how many times I had heard it asserted that as a race they were as destitute of humor as a patent office report or a given image. But when I got acquainted with the aboriginal in his native wild, I found that this was a mistake.

"The Indian is a born humorist. There isn't the slightest doubt of that. The great trouble is, however, that his humor chiefly runs to practical jokes. I remember one time meeting (or rather discovering a few rods distant) a big Indian, when I was out walking alone about two miles from camp.

"Well, he discovered me about the same time, and the minute he did so he let out a terrific war-whoop, began flourishing his tomahawk and started for me on a run. I chased me until I keeled over from exhaustion, and then, instead of scalping me, as I naturally expected he would from his previous actions, he assisted me to my feet with a broad grin on his face, and grunted:

"Ugh! Indian only yell for fun. Too bad scare white man. Injun don't want scalp. Want chew tobacco!"

"The whole proceeding, it seemed, was only his humorous method of striking a stranger for a chew of tobacco. If I had had something to strike back with it might not have been quite so funny—for him, but, unfortunately, I had left my weapons in camp.

"And, again, I remember the time a lot of Indians, who had been fooling around on the warpath, were forced to capitulate and surrender their guns to Gen. Miles' command at the Pine Ridge agency; and the last thing the humorous cusses did before turning in their shooting irons was to load every old musket of the lot half way to the muzzle with slugs and nails and scrap iron, and other bric-a-brac of that sort, and then hang around at a safe distance to see the fun when a bonanza was made of the guns, as was the usual rule in such cases.

"But, luckily for the soldiers, they discovered the trick in time, and the expected fun failed to pan out. Still, we must take the will for the deed, and this little incident goes to show that as a practical joker the wily aboriginal is not to be lightly sneezed at."—Detroit Free Press.

The Ties & Stroudman lands, 871 acres, lying a short distance from Petersburg, are to be sold by order of court.

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2:18 Class Trot.....500.00
2:23 Class Pace.....500.00

THURSDAY, AUG. 26.

2:28 Class Trot.....\$400.00
2:19 Class Pace.....500.00
Free for all Trot.....500.00

FRIDAY, AUG. 27.

2:23 Class Trot.....\$500.00
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One-Quarter Mile Open.
First, \$20 Poco Camera.
Second, \$10 Gold Mounted Silk Umbrella.
Third, \$5 Searchlight Lamp.
One Mile Handicap Open.
First, \$80 Diamond Ring.
Second, \$15 Stop Watch.
Third, \$5 Silk Umbrella.
Two Mile Club Handicap.
First, \$25 Silver Plated Tea Set.
Second, \$12, Genuine Turkish Robe.
Third, \$7, Elegant Suit Case.
Fourth, \$3, Solid Gold Cuff Buttons.
One Mile Open.
First, \$25 Diamond Stud.
Second, \$20 Diamond Ring.
Third, \$5, Extra Fine Sweater.
Five Mile Handicap Open.
First, \$50 Gold Filled Case Watch.
Second, \$20 Diamond Ring.
Third, \$5, N. Y. Club Target Ride.
Fourth, \$3 Striking Bag.
Fifth, \$1 Bicycle Watch Chain and Charm.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Trunks, 15 cents. Davis' 10 cent delivery, 564 N. Water.

Soap, out price 15 cents a box at Irwin's drug store.

Smokes the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keok.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-27

You can get the genuine dead shot fly paper at Irwin's.

Try the new drink Phospho Iron Tonic, at Irwin's fountain.

No picnic a success unless fry chickens for same are furnished by Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Telephone 344.—4-d2t

The members of Grace Mission Sunday school will engage in a picnic at Fairlawn park tomorrow, provided the weather is favorable.

If you want the best plastering done on short notice call up 528, new 'phone. We also have the best cement for sidewalks in the city. Decatur Hard Plaster Co.—20-d 1t

The Decatur Dairy, Cooper & Priddy, corner of West Main and Lincoln square, have moved four doors north, next to Singleton's restaurant, where they will be better prepared to fill all orders for dairy products.—2-d1w

Dr. J. W. Sanders performed an operation yesterday on the child of Mr. Smetzer, living south of town. Mastoiditis was the trouble and an abscess had formed in the internal ear and penetrated to the mastoid cells.

This evening the members of Rescue Lodge of Good Templars will give a social at the home of Mr. Dellinger, at 1523 East Main street. The street cars run close to the house. All are cordially invited to attend.

There are 25 people at work at the works of the Illinois Cuiery company on East Eldorado street. Manager E. E. Johnson says orders have come rushing in for goods and everything is on the boom.

For your uncle, aunts or cousins Friday dinner, cat, trout, bass, white pickled or anything else that can be caught beneath the dark and turbulent waves. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co Telephone 344.—4-d36

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Grace M. E. church will give a lawn social at the residence of Mrs. John King, North Main street, Thursday evening. Ice cream and cake will be served, and excellent music will be furnished.

The heavy rain of this morning seriously affected the running gear of some of the electric street cars. The motormen were shocked repeatedly, and they could propel the cars, only by using the "overhead switch." One man said he had been shocked 20 times within an hour.

The motormen wrung their hands in silent agony today. Not because of any particular misfortune or the cooler weather, but because the wet weather had the effect of heavily charging everything about the street cars with electricity. When a rod or switch was touched the shock was staggering. It can easily be borne when the weather is cooler.

This afternoon J. B. Latham and Harry Marcott will confer together and draw up the letter which is to go to Mayor Taylor, asking him in the name of the Wheelmen's club to veto the obnoxious bicycle ordinance. The wheelmen believe that the mayor will veto the ordinance any how, but he will be in possession of the written expression of the club on the subject of the use of the sidewalks where there are no paved streets. Some people in the city think the wheelmen have no rights, but the owners of the bikes who use them for good and not for mischief or for the purpose of injuring anybody believe they are still on the map and have a right to be heard.

"I have never had a day's sickness in my life," said a middle-aged man the other day.

"What a comfort it would be, sighs some poor invalid, 'to be in his place for a year or two.' Yet half of the invalids we see might be just as healthy as he, if they would only take proper care of themselves, eat proper food—and digest it.

It's so strange that such simple things are overlooked by those who want health.

Food makes health.

It makes strength—and strength wards off sickness. The man who had never been sick was strong because he always digested his food, and you could become the same by helping your stomach to work as well as his Shaker Digestive Cordial will help your stomach and will make you strong and healthy by making the food you eat make you fat.

Druggists sell it. Trial bottle 10 cents.

Sent to Decatur. James Garland is the state grain inspector for Decatur, to succeed George M. Ashmore. Mr. Garland, when first appointed by Governor Tanner, went on duty at Chicago, but now Frank M. Watkins, of Decatur, has been added to the force, taking Garland's place at Chicago.

Sunday School Convention. The Wheatland township Sunday school convention will be held at Bethlehem church next Sunday, August 8, beginning at 8 o'clock p. m. A good program has been prepared. Several speakers from Decatur have been invited. There will be some special music by the Elwin and Bethlehem schools. Everybody come. C. T. Wells, Chairman.

Club Races. The wheelmen at the Linn & Spriggs store will engage in a handicap race at the Trotting park Friday evening at 7 o'clock. L. N. Martin, Jr., will endeavor to win with his start of 600 yards.

Thursday night the Wabash wheelmen will engage in another handicap race. John Hay, the engineer, will be in the push.

Small Fire. Both houses were called out about 7:20 this morning to a fire in Dr. Waltz's office on North Main street. The blaze was caused by an electric wire which entered the ceiling at the gas jet. It was directly over the operating chair and was put out by the aid of the chemical after a small hole was burned in the ceiling. Very little damage was done, but the fire might have been a big one if it had not been discovered in the early stage.

Learn About Klondike. While the gold or Klondike fever has not struck Decatur hard enough to cause a general exodus from town yet all are greatly interested in the great gold find and the country where it was made, and every article on either is quickly and eagerly read by nearly everyone.

The library force have endeavored to meet this demand by compiling a list of all the literature in the library on Alaska or the gold fields or whatever pertains to that fabulous fairy land of riches. The list is quite a long one and contains some very valuable and interesting literature on the all absorbing topic of the day.

The Lawn Social. This program was observed last night at the lawn social given by the Young People's society of the Edward Street Christian church, at the home of the pastor, Rev. Marion Stevenson.

Vocal Duet—Misses Carrie Birks and Bessie Dills.

Instrumental Solo—Miss Birdie Dittler.

Instrumental Duet—Misses Margaret Landis and Leola Ayers.

Vocal Solo—Mr. Bridges.

Male Quartet—Messrs. Starling, Smith, Keith and Bridges.

Instrumental Duet—Misses Birdie Dittler and Ethel Ashmore.

Refreshments were served. Quite a sum of money was realized.

Corbett-Fitzsimmons. That marvel of what can be done by modern photography, the Veriscope pictures of the Corbett Fitzsimmons contest at Carson City, the greatest scientific contest of the present century, comes to the Powers' Grand for a brief engagement of three nights, commencing next Monday evening, August 9. The only genuine pictures of this great contest are those shown upon the Veriscope, and aside from any interest one might have in the event itself, they are simply marvelous specimens of photographic art. Thrown upon a large white screen 90 feet from the machine, the exact distance at which the camera was placed at the ringside, these pictures are reproduced, showing even to the smallest detail everything that happened on that eventful St. Patrick's day. In the corners, prior to the beginning of each round, are seen the seconds of the two principals getting their men in condition. Clang goes the gong; time is called, the seconds disappear over the ring as if by magic and then the principals get to work. So clear and distinct are the pictures that by close watching one can see the muscles in the backs of the two men knot and swell. The pictures are the property of the Veriscope company, of which Mr. Dan A. Stuart is president and they are fully protected in every possible way. It is Mr. Stuart's intention to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law any infringement upon his rights. The Veriscope and the pictures make a complete evening's entertainment, running two hours and ten minutes.

Take a Swim. The Nat at Riverside is now open every day and evening.

It is the finest place in the city to spend an hour.

The water is always fresh, clean and warm.

Do not fail to take it in.

Otto Weaver, a competent instructor always present.—3-tf

The New Firm. Will take charge of this business September 1, 1897, and from now on till the above date we will sell all tennis goods and bicycle clothing at cost, and all fishing tackle, hunting coats, base ball goods and sweaters at a reduction of 25 per cent. Don't overlook this chance. H. Muller Gun Co 134 E. Prairie street.—3 d1mo

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PERSONAL MENTION.

—J. R. Evans, of Pana, was in the city yesterday.

—John Allen is in St. Louis today visiting relatives.

—Mrs. A. T. Crist arrived home last evening from Bement.

—Mrs. Jane Sanders went to Storm Lake, Iowa, yesterday.

—Rev. J. G. Jeffers has gone on a two weeks' visit to his brother in Nebraska.

—Mrs. D. N. Moore, of Kansas City, Mo., arrived in the city this morning.

—Chas. Powers went to Attica, Ind., yesterday and took his guns along.

—Sidney Covington went to Sangamon yesterday to visit relatives for a few days.

—George Cummings, of Litchfield, is visiting Mrs. Menden on West Main street.

—A. M. Taylor was in Taylorville today, where he has a case in the circuit court.

—The two daughters of John S. Weyer, living east of town, went to Storm Lake, Iowa, yesterday.

—Frank Collins, formerly of this city, now living in St. Louis, is visiting with relatives here.

—Arthur Smith and wife left last night for a visit with Mrs. Smith's relatives at Farmer City.

—Joseph Roller and wife of Crowley, La., are visiting with P. P. Laughlin and family in the city.

—E. H. Brown, who has been visiting relatives here, returned to his home in Ashley yesterday.

—The three year old daughter of Officer Ed Leech is quite sick and is threatened with diphtheria.

—Attorney D. C. Corley went to Carro Gordo today, where he is engaged in a case before the justice there.

—Dr. J. D. Wheeler has been called to Jacksonville to attend D. L. Vigas. His condition is very critical.

—J. H. La Pearl, owner and manager of the La Pearl circus which is to be here, was in town for a short time yesterday.

—John Kaylor, who went to St. Louis yesterday, will visit social and business friends in Marion county before returning home.

—Mrs. Jacob Hanes and her brother, George Arthur, of Springfield, Ohio, left today for Paris, Ill., where they will visit several days.

—H. K. Midkiff and family, who have been camping at Mackinaw returned from that place last night, bringing with them several strings of fish.

—John Clary came home from Kentucky yesterday, where he has been visiting with relatives for over a month, in and near Louisville.

—Milton Johnson and Reginald Augustine accompanied the latter's Sunday school class of boys from Wesley Mission to the Nat last night for a swim.

—Bert Franklin, of Lexington, Ill., arrived in the city yesterday to visit Robert Vail. The young men were room mates at Harvard last year.

—Mrs. E. R. Morrison arrived in the city yesterday to visit her son, Roy, for a short time. She came from Kansas City and is on her way to Marquette, Mich.

—Doctors Loneragan and Cass Chenoweth were called to Long Creek yesterday to consult on the case of Miss Myers of that place, who is dangerously ill.

—Miss Della Arthur went to Chicago today, where she will be joined by Miss Conell and the two will make a trip of the lakes, going to Duluth, Minn., while on the tour.

—Frank Dawson, formerly with the Y. M. C. A. at this place and Springfield, has returned to this city for a visit with friends and relatives after which he will take up the work of general secretary of the association, at some point in the state.

—Charles Hamsher, conductor for the Chicago & Alton railway company, who has been in the city for a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hamsher, left last evening for Bloomington. He will resume his run between Springfield and Alton this week.

Cheap Excursion to Centralia. Cheap \$1 excursion to Centralia and return next Sunday, August 8, via the Wabash. Don't miss an opportunity to visit southern Illinois. The great fruit belt of Illinois. Train leaves Decatur at 8 55 a. m. and runs via Litchfield and the J. L. & St. L.—2-d6t

Overcome by the Heat. James McKinley, an employee at the new coal shaft, was prostrated by the heat yesterday while at work at the top of the mine. He had to be removed to his home on Oak street, where he lies in a critical condition. He may recover.

Not only piles of the very worst kind can be cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, but eczema, scalds, burns, bruises, boils, ulcers and all other skin troubles can be instantly relieved by the same remedy. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Peoria has increased in population a little more than 2000 during the past year, and the entire population now is 68,828. The population in 1890 was 48,182.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held Thursday at 2:30 p. m. Subject, "Hire's Root Bear."

The streets were washed clean this morning.

DEATH OF TIM CONDON.

He Passed Away Today at His Home—Had Been a Police Officer.

Timothy Condon, the well known Irish citizen, for 16 or 18 years a member of the Decatur police force, died at his home, No. 984 North Jasper street today, aged 68 years. Death was caused by Bright's disease, with which he had been afflicted for about a year. Mr. Condon was born in Ireland and is survived by the widow, Margaret Condon, and five children, Richard and Edward Condon, of this city, Misses Nellie and Margaret Condon who are at home, and Miss Mollie Condon, who is at Dubuque, Iowa. Mr. Condon was one of the best and most courageous officers Decatur ever had. He was faithful to every trust and served the city through several administrations, returning some years ago, while Mr. Kanan was mayor. He was familiarly known to many in the city as Tim Condon, and being of a genial nature he made friends rapidly. He had been a resident of America for 37 years. He loved his native land and it always afforded him pleasure to engage in conversation about old Ireland. The time for the funeral will be announced tomorrow.

Blue Monday. John Barnett, a farmer, aged about 35 years, died at his home six miles south-east of Blue Mound, Sunday, August 1, of blood poison, caused by two large carbuncles, one on his neck and the other on his side.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rugh, aged a little over 88 years, died of typhoid fever at the residence of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Chris Rugh, in Blue Mound, Tuesday morning. The funeral will be held at Madison church at 2 o'clock today, conducted by Rev. W. L. Bankson.

Dr. Everett Brown, of Decatur, was here Tuesday evening in consultation with Dr. D. W. Porter, in the case of Mrs. N. K. Hodrick, who is very sick with malarial fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Prate Falcooter's little boy is recovering from a severe spell of typhoid fever. Also Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ulrich's child is growing better.

P. D. Spooner, the new appointee for postmaster, forwarded his bond to the postoffice department at Washington today. He named Charles W. McCluskey as his assistant. Charles is a son of the outgoing postmaster and has served as assistant in the office during the last four years.

We are having a fine rain here this morning, which is of great benefit to parched herbage and drooping flowers.

The grain elevators here have been handling an immense amount of grain, principally corn, during the last week.

Our board of health has caused printed notices to be sent to every citizen in the village, directing them to remove all manure and other refuse from their premises and to thoroughly cleanse and disinfect all privies and water closets within 10 days from date of notice. This sanitary measure is opportune because of the prevalence of typhoid and malarial fever in the community.

Rev. John Waltz, of Latham, was here Monday and Tuesday on business and visiting relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Turner, of Grove City, were here Monday and Tuesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Newbegin, whose acquaintance they formed during Rev. Turner's two years' pastorate here, prior to his removal to Moweaqua.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Ennefer left Monday morning for a two weeks' visit with their parents in Kansas.

Miss Pearl McElroy, of Natick, visited her uncle, Dr. A. C. Foster and family here several days, returning home Monday.

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THE SENATOR DEFENDS

Says the South Needs

Slavery Is Gone—Should Helped Frame Wills Ignored by Democrats

New Orleans, La., Aug. 3.

Senator M. D. McHenry, a member of the opera house last night, yesterday of Hon. W. A. Kerr, gave his course in congressional politics of the evening.

speech by Senator McHenry, his tariff position. He gave of tariff agitation, and support of free trade had by the Democratic party leaders.

The Democrats who opposed the tariff bill in congress.

in favor of protecting some, and there were other local ones which hopeless Democratic members. They desired to protect the tariff, but they did not intend such chances. Nor was for Louisiana what he would other states. The south an industrial revolution, factoring, agricultural products springing up need protection to former tariffs of south was exclusively dependent on slave labor. Slavery has been a great sin, but it is better for this country sugar that it consumes send money abroad to pay for sugar and laborers. To what percentage the revenue in the attempted solution, there was much profit and a good deal of domestic political uses. The revenue all they could. In the tariff, they wanted a composite schedule of grades of sugar could be imported in false coloration.

declared by the Senate.

The Wilson bill suggests as is well known, dicta trust. Out of this trust which shocked the country, as presented to the all trust influence and satisfactory to the sugar not in accordance with sugar trust. The final senate presented an house bill giving an ad a small specific duty—ranged that it was denied. The impression name influences while Democratic committee Wilson bill had success the finance committee friends of the house opposed to the power sugar importers, cane producers—combined to do even if it resulted in the The senate Republicans thized with this opposition to adopt the house rates and in the way give a small addition favor of the sugar interest was to remove the sugar producer. conference. The tariff of their well-directed any advantage beyond that which was "The features of were maintained. At placed upon raw sugar with 75 degrees at 10, and raised degrees of raw sugar 100ths, so that when